

through promoting shared values of dedication, athleticism, perseverance, teamwork, and play.

The good work of the Special Olympics is summed up in its motto: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." It is a motto that captures the spirit of the organization, and of the champion and visionary who worked so hard on its behalf for so many years, Eunice Kennedy Shriver. And it is only fitting this bill, reauthorizing the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, be given her name.

I encourage my colleagues to be brave today, to stand up for Americans with intellectual disabilities, and to support the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act and the Special Olympics.

TRIBUTE TO RAMON ALVAREZ,
2010 FATHER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate an individual from my Congressional District who will be presented with the 2010 Father of the Year Award next week in Riverside, California.

The purpose of the Father of the Year Awards is to honor fathers who have remained a positive role model for their children while also making a positive difference in their community.

Ramon Alvarez is one of those fathers. He is married to his wife Araceli and together they have three children. He is also President of Alvarez Lincoln-Mercury and Alvarez Jaguar, and throughout his successful career, Ramon has made a strong commitment to local and civic activities.

I am proud to call Ramon a fellow community member and American. And today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating him on this well-deserved recognition.

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC DAY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan as they prepare to celebrate Republic Day on May 28.

Azerbaijan's Republic Day commemorates the day that this nation, located on the shores of the Caspian Sea, south of Russia and north of Iran, declared its independence from the Russian Empire in 1918, as the first Muslim democracy.

The new democracy granted women the right to vote in 1919, a year before the 19th Amendment was passed in the United States granting U.S. women that right.

Their independence was tragically short, as the Soviet Union invaded the tiny nation in 1920—altering Azerbaijan's dream of democracy in the 20th Century. That dream re-emerged in 1991 when the brutal Soviet re-

gime finally passed to the dustbin of history, and Azerbaijan declared its independence yet again.

My congratulations to the people of Azerbaijan: congratulations on the anniversary of Republic Day, and for your continued efforts and commitment to build a strong democracy in the critically important region of the South Caucasus.

CELEBRATING ASIAN/PACIFIC
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1316, celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. I thank my California Delegation colleague, Congressman HONDA, for his work in bringing this resolution to the floor today.

This is a very exciting time for the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and I am looking forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and with the Obama Administration to promote AAPI priorities.

The 37th Congressional District of California, which I am privileged to represent, is home to one of the largest Asian constituencies in the nation, including large communities of Filipinos, Samoans and Cambodians. My district is home to the largest Cambodian population in the United States, and the second largest Cambodian population in the world outside of Cambodia. I am proud to be a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus which truly represents my Asian Pacific American constituents' interests.

The month of May was chosen to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage for two significant reasons. On May 7, 1843, the first Japanese immigrants arrived to our country and on May 10, 1860, the first transcontinental railroad was completed. The transcontinental railroad transformed our nation and could not have been completed without the inclusion of Chinese immigrants.

Dalip Singh Saund was the first Asian American elected to Congress in 1957. Less than a decade later, Patsy Mink became the first Asian American woman elected to Congress. Both overcame adversity to pave the way for all minorities, including DANIEL INOUE, a Medal of Honor winner who has served in the Senate for nearly a half century. Today, we have seven Members of Congress who are of Asian descent.

Despite the challenges and adversity that Asian Pacific Americans have experienced, many have forged ahead and made significant contributions to this great nation. History was made when we elected a President with such significant personal ties to the Asian Pacific community. President Obama spent his childhood in Hawaii and Indonesia. One of President Obama's first guests to the Oval Office was the Prime Minister of Japan, Taro Aso. Further, President Obama appointed three Asian Americans to his cabinet: Secretary of Energy, Dr. Steven Chu; Secretary of Commerce, Gary Locke; and Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki.

I have much hope for the future because all Americans are working together hand in hand to ensure the equality and advancement not only of their community, but of all communities.

Mr. Speaker, let me again thank Congressman HONDA, Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, for his leadership in introducing this resolution. I look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans this year and for years to come! Thank you.

HONORING BAY NEWS ON ITS 65TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize exceptional work of the staff of the Bay News, a newspaper that serves southern Brooklyn, in honor of its 65th anniversary.

Though the hard-hitting reporters at the Bay News cover issues that affect all New Yorkers, they specialize in local news that focuses on the neighborhoods of Bensonhurst, Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Gerritsen Beach, Gravesend, Manhattan Beach, Seagate and Sheepshead Bay. It's not an exaggeration to say that if something happens in this part of the City, the Bay News will know about it.

The groundwork for what is now the Bay News was first established in 1944 when Charlie Peterson started printing the "Sheepshead Bay Service News", a newsletter for the families of troops serving overseas in World War II. Over the years, that small newsletter merged with other local papers from across the borough to become what is now a publication with a circulation of more than 15,000.

As my staff knows, my Thursdays don't truly begin until I've read the Bay News. This storied publication has been on the scene for all of the defining moments that have shaped New York City over the past 65 years, and I know that it will be there for whatever happens next.

Day in and day out, week after week, The Bay News covers everything from local community board meetings to arts and movies to national politics. As I know firsthand, the paper's reporters aren't afraid to ask the tough questions. They work tirelessly to provide the community with the news and information that is so vital to a robust democracy and the civic life we take for granted.

That is why I am pleased and honored to congratulate the entire staff of the Bay News on all their success and contributions on the occasion of the paper's 65th anniversary and I wish them all many successful years to come. We should commend editor Vince DiMiceli, publisher Clifford Luster; assistant editors Shavana Abruzzo, Joanna Del Buono, Meredith Deliso, Courtney Donahue; calendar editor Erica Sherman; reporters Thomas Tracy and Joe Maniscalco; vice president of advertising Ralph D'Onofrio; classified manager Amanda Tarley; and production manager Keith Oechsner.